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1. LEBANON'S AMBASSADOR - DESIGNATE TO UN, GHASSON TUEINI,
HELD PRESS CONFERENCE MORNING SEPTEMBER 23RD AT UN
HEADQUARTERS. HIGHLIGHTS TUEINI'S REMARKS AS FOLLOWS:

2. RECENT EVENTS IN LEBANON, TUEINI SAID, ARE RESULT
COMPLEX SITUATION AND ARE THREAT NOT ONLY TO PEACE IN
LEBANON BUT TO PEACE IN WHOLE MIDDLE EAST. "THE LEBANESE
GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS THAT WHA SHOULD BE DONE ABOUT SOUTHERN
LEBANON IS ITS OWN CONCERN--AS THIS IS WITHIN THE
FRAMEWORK OF OWN SOLE SOVEREIGNTY...THE LEBANESE
GOVERNMENT WILL DECIDE WHAT SHOULD BEST BE DONE CONCERNING
SOUTHERN LEBANON WITHIN AN ARAB CONSENSUS AND IN CONSULTATION
WITH THE PEACE-LIVING COUNTRIES AND THOSE OF OUR
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FRIENDS WHO HAVE BEEN DILIGENT IN HELPING US THERE."

3. TUEINI APOLOGIZED TO JOURNALISTS FOR HOLDING
PRESS CONFERENCE BEFORE EVEN HAVING PRESENTED HIS
CREDENTIALS, BUT "THERE ARE VERY DIFFICULT DAYS WHICH
COMPEL US TO EXPRESS OURSELVES WITHOUT DELAY."
LEBANON IS NOT IN A POSITION TO THREATEN ANYONE AND ONLY

SEEKS PEACE AND STABILITY.

4. SECURITY IN LEBANON TODAY IS BASED "ON A TRIPERTITE CONTRACT WHICH INVOLVED THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT, SYRIAN RESPONSIBILITY IN THE ARAB PEACE-KEEPING FORCES, AND PALESTINIAN PREPAREDNESS TO ABIDE BY THE LAWS OF LEBANESE SOVEREIGNTY:" THIS IS THE ESSENCE OF THE CHTAURA AGREEMENT SIGNED IN JULY. THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT THROUGH ITS ARMY AND SECURITY FORCES WISHES TO ASSUME THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECURITY IN SOUTHERN LEBANON AND APPEALS TO ITS FRIENDS TO MAKE THAT TASK EASIER.

5. LEBANON AND ITS ARAB BROTHERS BELIEVE "THAT THE AIM OF ISRAEL IS TO OFF-BALANCE THE PEACE PROCESS AND TRY TO DE-STABILIZE" PEACE IN LEBANON AND THE MIDDLE EAST. WE SHOULD FACE THE SITUATION WITH RESTRAINT AND WE THINK "THE SECRETARY GENERAL MIGHT BE WELL INSPIRED IF HE WERE TO ASK THE UN OBSERVERS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON FOR CREATER VIGILANCE."

6. COPIES TUEINI REMARKDS BEING POUCHED NEA/P, NEA/ARN, AND IO/UNP.
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